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CUC Power and Water crews team up to remove fallen power poles and power lines from Chalan Monsignor Guerrero after Typhoon Soudelor.
CUC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, BRAD RUSZALA

CUC starts process to obtain federal aid

Federal authorities joined their local counterparts and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for the initial stages of the restoration of Saipan's power, water and wastewater services, which were rendered inoperable by Typhoon Soudelor.

Officers from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a representative from the U.S. Department of Energy, and representatives from the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management met with the utility's management and staff yesterday morning to discuss CUC's needs and capabilities for the restoration of essential services to Saipan.

Acting CUC executive director John Riegel said that Tuesday's meeting was the first step

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Almost 500 seek refuge in shelters

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"When I went to check on our home, there was no home."

Vic Romolor is one of 66 individuals currently seeking shelter at Garapan Elementary School. With his wife Maggie and their eight kids, he has been there since Saturday, before Typhoon Soudelor ravaged Saipan.

The Romolor's home is—or was—in Oleai. He says they didn't get to save much of their belongings save for two futons, pillows, some change of clothes, and some cooking equipment.

With no home to go back to, his family is worried that they'll be asked to move out of the shelter soon.

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Saipan airport reopens

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority opened the Saipan International Airport at 2pm yesterday, bringing back limited hours of operations with the goal of ferrying in and out stranded residents and tourists.

The airport was shut down on Monday morning after the destructive Typhoon Soudelor left the CNMI in a state of disaster.

The ports authority has been informed that there about 1,500 stranded airline passengers waiting to leave or arrive on island.

CPA brought smaller flight operations online yesterday. They aim to fly in major airline jets today.

Airport navigational aids are down after the destructive winds of Typhoon Soudelor.

Out of safety precautions, CPA will only allow flight operations from sunrise to sundown.

Federal Aviation Administration technicians from Guam were at the airport assessing damage to these aids. The air traffic control tower—the eyes

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Damage assessment, relief efforts begin

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Damage assessment efforts have begun in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor, which hit the island late Sunday.

Representatives of the federal government and members of the U.S. Army Corps began arriving in the CNMI as of 3pm on Tuesday, after flights resumed to the CNMI, according to press secretary Ivan Blanco.

Blanco

Blanco said that government representatives have begun an initial assessment of the situation on Saipan.

Acting governor Ralph DLG. Torres, who earlier declared a state of emergency for the entire Commonwealth, is expected to transmit the declaration to President Barack Obama "either today or tomorrow," Blanco said.

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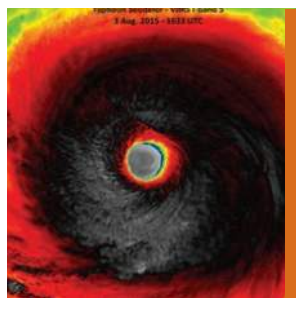

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Local

‘No fatality but several car accidents were reported’

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No fatality was reported as a result of Typhoon Soudelor’s wrath, but several vehicular accidents occurred at the height of the typhoon’s pummeling of Saipan.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that there have been no reports of fatalities thus far, but several auto accidents were reported during the storm as a result of downed trees and Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power lines.

» Roads still unsafe, motorists urged to avoid unnecessary travel

Deleon Guerrero urged the general public to avoid any unnecessary travel as it is still quite dangerous to drive on the roads.

Soudelor’s powerful winds were so strong that some cars overturned, while several others were damaged at the height of the storm on Sunday night and Monday early morning.

Deleon Guerrero said their role is to provide safety and security during and after the storm.

“Our police officers were also directly involved in rescue operations to bring evacuees to safety at shelters,” the commissioner said.

Some of the operations, he added, were quite difficult because of downed trees, flying debris and downed poles.

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services’ firefighters and medics were seen helping the Mayor’s Office’s staff in clearing roads of downed trees and other debris since Monday morning.

Meanwhile, the U.S. District Court for the NMI will open for business today, Wednesday. The federal court has been closed since Monday due to the typhoon’s aftermath. There is no scheduled hearing, however, this week.

The Superior Court, on the other hand, will resume normal operations today, Wednesday. The local court was closed Monday and was opened only yesterday for bail hearing.

TYPHOON BRIEFS

Bank of Guam operating hours

Bank of Guam’s Saipan Garapan and Chalan Piao branches will be open on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 5 and 6, 2015, from 10am to 3pm. ***(BoG)***

FHB Saipan branches open

All First Hawaiian Bank Branches on Saipan to resume normal business hours on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015. FHB operates two branches on Saipan: at the Gualo Rai Commercial Center on Middle Road and the Oleai Center on Beach Road.

First Hawaiian Bank customers with Internet connectivity may access their account information online through www.FHB.com or may contact the bank’s Call Center for customer service at 1-888-844-4444. ***(FHB)***

Art competition winners to be named Aug. 6

In light of the recent typhoon that affected the community of Saipan, Best Sunshine is fully focused on helping reconstruct the island. Prioritizing the health and safety of the people on Saipan, Best Sunshine has decided to cancel the voting for the art competition as everyone is instructed to stay safe indoors at this time. The winners of the art competition will be decided by Best Sunshine directly and the winners will be announced on Friday, Aug. 6, 2015. The winners will be notified in due time as well.

The top 3 entries will receive cash prizes of $500, $300 and $100 respectively. The top 10 to 20 entries will also have the opportunity to be featured in a high visibility campaign. ***(BSI)***

Re establishment of PHWC Whiskey for NMI ports

SANTA RITA, Guam—On Aug. 4, 2015, the hazardous conditions associated with Typhoon Soudelor (13W) no longer threatens the ports of CNMI. Therefore, the Captain of the Port has reset Port Heavy Weather Condition Whiskey as of 8am, Aug. 4, 2015. Accordingly, the Ports of CNMI are hereby open to all commercial vessel traffic and cargo operations.

However, please be advised that the Tanapag Harbor is now under a safety zone which restricts all vessel traffic within the Port of Saipan to authorized traffic only. Please monitor channel 16 for additional information. Entry of vessels or persons into this safety zone will be prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or representative by contacting (671) 355-4835. ***(USCG)***

Coast Guard responds to Typhoon Soudelor

SANTA RITA, Guam—With the support of Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam deployed nine Coast Guard members on Aug. 3 to Saipan to help with the assessment of the Port of Saipan, the gasoline spill response, and port recovery efforts.

Subsequently, on Aug. 4 Sector Guam, in close collaboration with the Guam Army National Guard and the Guam Fire Department, was able to arrange transportation for the re-deployment of members from the Guam National Guard from Guam to Saipan to assist in recovery efforts.

In addition, the Coast Guard Cutter *Sequoia* transported 10 individuals from Mobil and Saipan Power Authority in an effort to get all essential personnel to Saipan and expedite the recovery efforts.

Upon safe delivery of the responders to Saipan, Coast Guard cutter *Sequoia* will commence operations to replace and repair navigational aids that are essential to the safety of vessels operating in the area.

The assistance provided by Coast Guard Sector Guam, Coast Guard Cutter *Sequoia* and HSC-25 is one of many examples that illustrate the strength of the partnerships that exist between federal and local agencies on Guam and the CNMI.

Additional details will be provided as updates are available. ***(USCG)***

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Coast Guard Sector Guam, in close collaboration with the Guam Army National Guard and the Guam Fire Department, deploys members from the Guam National Guard from Guam to Saipan on Aug. 4 to assist in recovery efforts. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

OAG warns retailers against price gouging

Consumers should be aware—and unscrupulous retailers are warned—that it is illegal to engage in price gouging following a major disaster, according to a reminder from the Office of the Attorney General’s consumer counsel.

Typhoon Soudelor struck the Commonwealth on Aug. 2, 2015.

» Torres declares price freeze

The Consumer Protection Act makes it unlawful for businesses to engage in price gouging. Price gouging occurs when a business increases prices based solely on a shortage of goods caused by a natural disaster or any other emergency. The Office of the Attorney General will prosecute, both criminally and civilly, any business that engages in price gouging.

Furthermore, the governor has declared a price freeze pursuant to the Consumer Disaster Price Freeze Act. The prices for the following items have been declared frozen:

1. Gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, natural gas, and all other chemical fuels, whether in gaseous, liquid, or solid form;

2. All foods and foodstuffs, including water, bottled water, beverages, and ice;

3. All clothing;

4. Flashlights, lamps, lanterns, candles, light bulbs, and other means of illumination;

5. Generators, cables, wires, electrical batteries of every sort, and similar equipment for the generation and/or transmission of electrical power;

6. All appliances used in the storage and/or preparation of food, including, but not limited to, stoves, barbecue grilles, ovens, refrigerators, and coolers;

7. Tools typically used for construction, ground clearing, or home repairs, whether electrically powered, chemically powered, or manual, including, but not limited to, saws, machetes, hammers, drills, shovels, rakes, and brooms.

8. All bedding items, including pillows, futons and blankets.

It is illegal for any person or business to raise the price of any of the above-listed items while a price freeze is in effect. A violation of the Consumer Disaster Price Freeze Act is punishable by a $10,000 fine and one month of imprisonment for each violation. Please contact the Office of the Attorney General at 237-7500 if you observe price gouging. If the phone is not being answered, then please leave a message describing the price gouging and the retailer responsible. Alternatively, call the Emergency Management Center at 237-8000. ***(Office of the Attorney General)***

Shell limits gas purchases to $20 per transaction

In this current state of emergency, IP&E's Shell stations are working with Saipan government officials to safely open Shell locations for fueling to the island. To ensure that fuel is available for all government emergency recovery vehicles and first responders, Shell Station operators will be limiting fuel sales to $20 per fuel transaction. Shell gas stations are working with the Department of Public Works and the Office of Homeland Security in this measure to provide assistance in stabilizing the island as safely and quickly as possible.

■ **Shell Puerto Rico & Shell Highway Express**: Open to the general public from 8am to 7pm

■ **Shell Airport**: Scheduled to open today to the general public from 8am to 7pm

■ **Shell Koblerville**: Open to government official emergency vehicles only

IP&E employees are working diligently to provide services at all other stations.

"Safety is paramount, especially during times like these. Our priority right now is supporting the recovery efforts [on] Saipan by supplying all authorities and crews that are working to secure the island during this time of emergency. We look forward to returning to normal operations for the rest of the Island," said Brian Bamba, managing director, IP&E Holdings. ***(IP&E)***

Mobil opens 3 gas stations for emergency responders

Mobil Saipan has opened three of its service stations at 10pm Monday evening to allow first responders and vehicles required by essential services to refuel. It is a limited opening to facilitate restoration to essential services following the typhoon.

The three service stations are Susupe, Chalan Kiya, and Middle Road.

"We would like to seek the cooperation of all other motorists to hold off any refueling in the meantime," the company said in a statement.

Mobil assured that it has sufficient stock of fuel on Saipan. "And we can resume normal supply to the general public, once we have addressed safety issues at the terminal and service stations that have been impacted by the typhoon," the statement adds. ***(Mobil)***

IT&E updates on communications services

IT&E announced yesterday that Internet, landlines, and wireless services are all operational on Saipan.

According to a statement the company issued yesterday, it said initial reports are that the recently repaired undersea fiber cable was unaffected by Typhoon Soudelor. However, a number of antennae sites on Saipan and Tinian are offline due to the loss of commercial power. Data, voice, and SMS services are functioning at a decreased capacity because of the inactive antennae sites.

All IT&E sites operate on commercial power. Pending CUC recovery, IT&E main sites are on backup generator power with more generators being deployed to charge battery banks at remote sites, the statement said.

IT&E has cell sites teams working on some backhaul issues, which may cause some call congestion.

All phone line infrastructure is underground. Businesses, residents, and government agencies that use cordless phones can use them if they have backup power. If not, a corded phone, which does not require power, must be utilized in order to make and receive calls.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Saipan as they recover from this devastating typhoon. We at IT&E are committed to helping in any way we can with the recovery effort and ensuring that repairs are made as quickly as possible to keep our customers connected with loved ones in Saipan and abroad" said IT&E CEO, Jim Oehlerking.

IT&E will provide further updates as they become available. ***(IT&E)***

United operates relief flights for Saipan

GUAM—United Airlines announced yesterday plans to operate relief flights between Guam and Saipan.

Flight UA2090 operating a Boeing 737-800 was scheduled to depart from Guam International Airport yesterday at 4:20pm and arrive at Saipan International Airport at 5:01pm. Flight UA2091 was scheduled to depart from Saipan International Airport at 5:45pm and arrive at Guam International Airport at 6:26pm.

Customers can book their travel on www.united.com, through their travel agent or by visiting the United City Ticket Office in Tamuning. United continues to urge customers to check the latest status of their flights operated by Cape Air at united.com or by calling United Reservations at 1-800-UNITED-1 (1-800-864-8331). ***(United)***

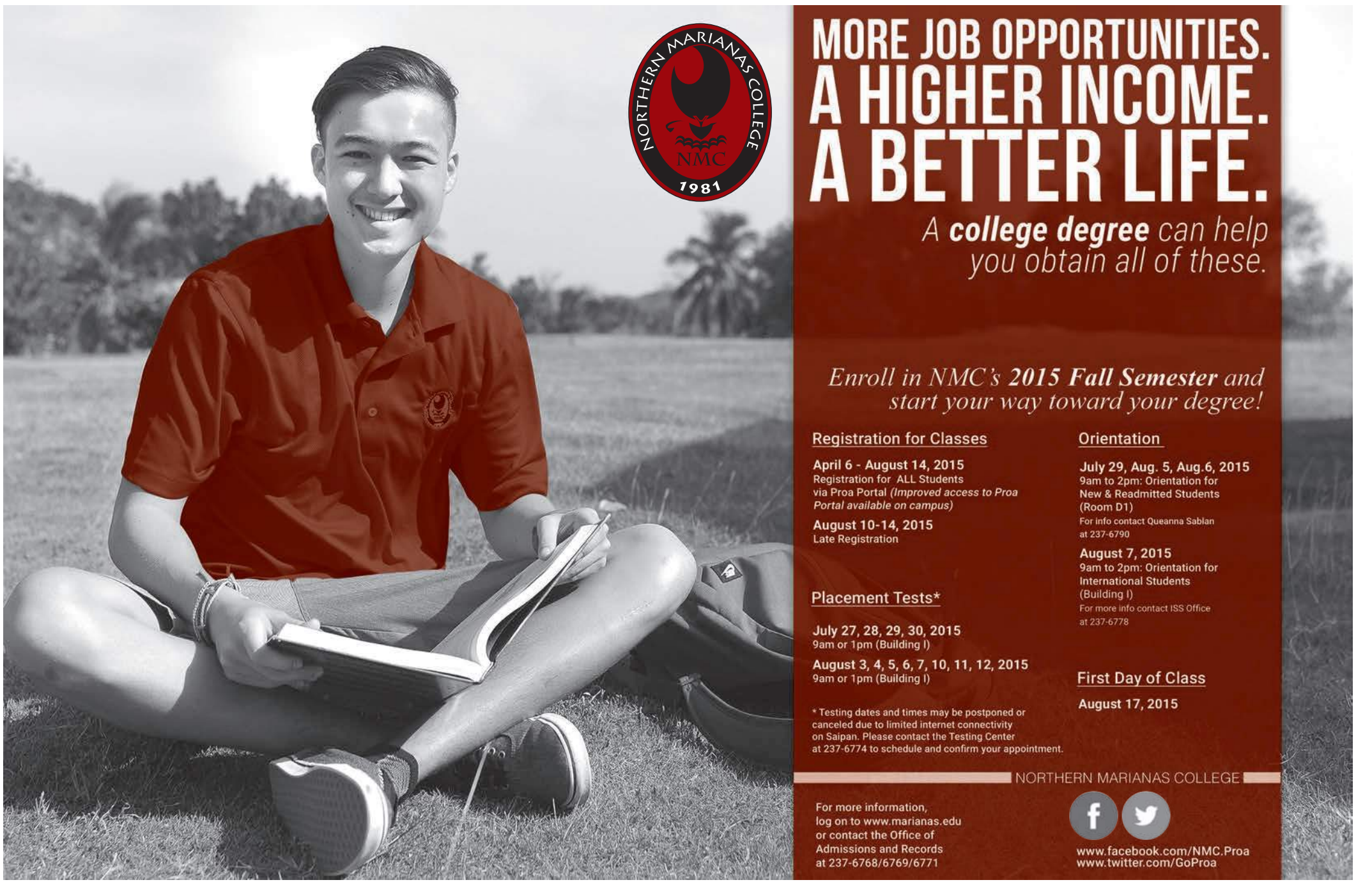
Salvation Army provides assistance for Saipan

HONOLULU—The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division is actively assisting with emergency response efforts for residents in Saipan following the direct hit of Typhoon Soudelor.

» Monetary donations being accepted to provide food and emergency support

"Our Saipan Corps officers and volunteers are assessing the damage in their area, assisting with emergency response efforts and preparing to re-open their soup kitchen," said Maj. Mark Gilden, Divisional Secretary for Business and Emergency Disaster Services Coordinator for The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division. "We also stand ready to provide meals to the public or emergency response volunteers as needed. Our teams can provide emotional and spiritual support as well. If you are in need, or know of a family in need, please have them contact The Salvation Army's Saipan Corps at 670-483-0885."

In addition, the public is encouraged to support the emergency disaster services efforts via monetary donations at www.hawaii.salvationarmy.org or by calling The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Divisional Headquarters at 808-988-2136. One-hundred percent of the donated funds will support The Salvation Army's emergency disaster services on Saipan. ***(The Salvation Army)***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A REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

A day after Typhoon Soudelor

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Community members immediately got down to the business of cleaning up their homes and yards just hours after Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan and Tinian. Government employees in their hazard jackets were clearing main highways that is cluttered with fallen trees, broken tin roofs, and damaged telephone poles and lines.

Several community members also made an effort to help government employees in clearing main highways. A stray dog is seen eating out of trash bins that were blown far from its original site.

Houses that used to hide behind overgrown trees are now visible. From Capital Hill, Managaha Island and the ocean can now be seen clearly without any obstruction. Motorists are dodging trees and broken branches on roads to get to their destinations.

Roofs of houses on Capital Hill toward Puerto Rico are heavily damaged. Most of the debris have been cleared from the Puerto Rico main highway, but roads leading into Navy Hill remained blocked by large trees. Rep. BJ Attao was seen clearing the area with several other people.

The Saipan Troop Store base has a lot of fallen trees.

Traffic lights are down but traffic is flowing peacefully. Everyone seemed to be heading in one direction, toward Middle Road Gualo Rai.

The Shell gas station on Middle Road has rows and rows of cars lining up all the way to the Chalan Lau Lau traffic intersection. People are lining up with gas containers as well.

Beach Road looks totally damaged. Telephone poles look like they are about to fall. Mobil Gas Station has a fallen telephone pole at its front. Commonwealth Utilities Corp. employees are directing traffic in but not out of the gas station. Thai House Restaurant and Caesar Spa are heavily damaged.

The Liberation Festivities grounds is overwhelmed with broken trees and branches. The stage looks damaged, while bright Liberation Festivities posters are flying everywhere.

Bank cards were not being accepted, and a woman says that she couldn't withdraw money from First Hawaiian Bank.

At the Shell gas station, more cars pull in to take advantage of the small line with gas containers, probably not wanting to wait in a long line with their cars.

People are parking their cars. Are they out of gas? A man is pushing a large silver SUV little by little while another is helping him on the other side. Others are pushing their cars as well.

A telephone pole blocks the traffic in Chalan Kiya, causing cars to use the left side of the road heading up to As Terlaje.

Heading up to As Terlaje, a lot of telephone poles are leaning down. A CUC facility has telephone poles leaning on it, its gate broken. People's houses on the left and right side are more visible.

Tin roofs are everywhere, rooftops are gone, doors and windows are shattered. People are seen sifting through the wreckage for important items. More poles are down in San Vicente. A car is stuck on top of a fallen telephone pole. Did it try to drive over? A car is flipped under the traffic light intersection.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

AIRPORT

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and ears of the airport—is operating. But CPA cannot operate at sundown because navigational aids are not up and running.

CPA executive director Maryanne Lizama could not yet give a timeline for repairs. The FAA technicians were on site.

"We don't know how much damage occurred. I can't and I won't give a timeline, only because that's not my area of expertise but I will be informed," she said.

Lizama said they aim to bring back major airline jets from Delta Air Lines, Jeju Air, or Asiana Airlines today.

Lizama said this would only be ferrying returning residents and stranded passengers.

"That is going to be the primary goal of opening up the airports," she said.

The flights that came up yesterday were from Cape Air/United and Star Marianas Air, while cargo flights from Arctic Circle and Micronesian Air Cargo Services were operational.

Star Marianas flies commuter flights between Saipan, Tinian, and Rota with their Piper aircraft. Cape Air flies an ATR aircraft.

Lizama said these flights do not require coordination with Customs and Border Protection and Transportation Security Administration.

Lizama said the airline jets require a schedule for the security agencies and the "guys on the ground."

At 2:50 pm yesterday, United Airlines announced "relief" flights between Guam and Saipan.

The Saipan airport is still running on generator after Typhoon Soudelor crippled the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s power grid.

The airport has running water from its reserve tank.

Lizama was working the phones lines yesterday to work out an arrangement with the public utility in regards to water service and to meet with the Mobil gas company in regards to their generator to find out how many day of fuel they need or have.

There are three "key" generators at the airport, Lizama said. They are for the air traffic control tower, the ARFF building, and the airport terminal.

Key CPA staff has gotten little sleep since Soudelor rammed through and left the CNMI in a state of disaster.

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to get federal aid to the utility.

"It was a productive meeting and we now have a better understanding of what sort of assistance the federal government is able to deliver and what they need from us in order for us to start the process," said Riegel.

Following the meeting, local and federal authorities toured CUC facilities at power plants 1, 2, and 4, and the Chalan Kiya Substation to perform an initial damage assessment of the island's infrastructure and to compile a list of material needs for each facility.

While senior management met with federal officials, CUC Water and Wastewater personnel joined the Power Division linemen for the laborious task of cleaning the roadways of downed power poles, power lines, and power accessories.

Crews spent hours cutting fallen power poles with chainsaws, rolling up miles of power lines, and removing damaged poles from the lines that withstood the storm.

Water and Wastewater personnel spent the day assessing the current condition of Saipan's 150 wells, tanks, and booster stations across the island.

Saipan remains without power and water services, with damage to power generation and distribution systems. While assessments continue at Power Plant 1, work is being done to repair the outside of the structure to prevent rainwater from causing additional damage, and Power Generation personnel work to clean the site from debris.

While fallen trees and power poles no longer clog the island's major roadways, these obstacles continue to hamper recovery and assessment efforts along secondary roads.

The lack of power generation capability also affects CUC's ability to deliver water service. Without electricity to power the pumps, water cannot be pumped into the reservoirs. According to Riegel, the goal for CUC is to provide limited water service this week to allow residents to fill their storage tanks and bottles.

The time, date, and locations where water will be available will be announced in the media in advance to allow the community time to prepare for water service.

No timetable exists for the complete restoration of essential services on Saipan; however, customers should prepare for an extended power and water outage.

In the meantime, the public is cautioned to stay clear of fallen power lines. Even poles that remain standing may not be safe as the storm may have damaged or weakened the poles and the accessory assemblies.

The 24-Hour CUC Customer Call Center will be open for customer calls throughout the recovery period. Representatives will forward information received from the calls to the field personnel responsible for addressing the issues.

In addition to the 24-Hour Customer Call Center, CUC will post the latest information on Facebook. Updates will include photos and videos of the storm and post-storm restoration efforts. To access the information, simply log in to your Facebook account and "Like" the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. page.

For more information, visit CUC's website, www.cucgov.org, or contact their 24-Hour Customer Call Center at 664-4CUC (664-4282). ***(CUC)***

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Romolor said they were told that today would be their last day at the school.

"That's our question since we don't have a home," Maggie Romolor said, responding to where they plan to go.

Jennifer Taisacan and her family have also been at the Garapan school for four days now. She says they were quite luckier than their neighbors in Quartermaster, Chalan Laulau—where many have tin roof and wooden houses—because their home was not completely destroyed, but they still need help.

"We went to take a look this morning and our house is not something to go back to. Everything inside is totally wet, the bed, the clothes, the [pieces of] furniture and the trees are just down," Taisacan said.

"Going back to stay is not really good because we don't have anywhere else to sleep and it's not secured because the roof is off," she added.

Both families said they are waiting for the American Red Cross to assist them and assess the damage to their homes.

Romolor said he doesn't have a camera to document the damage.

"I wish I even have a phone just to take a picture," Romolor said.

"I hope the governor sees the damage and plans something faster than this," he added.

"I'm just hoping that Red Cross and FEMA are going to be there to help," Taisacan said.

The Romolos and Taisacans are just two families in Saipan shelters that are almost maxed out. From 153 individuals prior to the typhoon's arrival Sunday night, shelterees are now number almost 500.

"We have 464 that have taken refuge at this point in time," public information specialist LJ Castro said.

Castro said most people seeking shelter are those whose houses suffered much damage or those who don't have homes anymore.

"All of them are people that definitely need help," Castro said.

According to one of the shelter managers in Garapan, those who still come in seeking shelter are being transported to other centers. The manager said about 28 have already been transported to Tanapag Headstart, Tanapag Middle School and the Aging Office in Chinatown. While shelters have generator sets, Garapan ES has no power and has limited water supply.

Other shelters are Tanapag Middle School, Garapan Elementary School, Koblerville Elementary School, Kagman High School and San Vicente Elementary School, which is the only one still accepting shelterees as of now.

Castro said they are already thinking of contingency plans if the shelters get maxed out.

Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh said long term shelters have already been established and identified. These are the Kagman Community Center and the *man'amko* center in Chinatown.

Hirsh said Red Cross is providing breakfast, lunch, and dinner to evacuees at the shelter.

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lier said the Federal Emergency Management Agency is working with the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office to conduct the assessment.

"Value of damage to homes, infrastructure, and property is not available at the moment," Blanco said, adding that the FEMA will conduct the actual assessment—by documenting the damage—starting this coming weekend.

Relief

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan said "that the federal government is moving quickly to assist in this state of emergency."

He said the FEMA has deployed "an Incident Management Assistance Team to Saipan, and FEMA is working with the Commonwealth government to support the disaster response effort and make a preliminary damage assessment."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have also deployed personnel to assist, he said, adding that food, water, cots, small generators, and other emergency supplies are being shipped in from Hawaii and Guam.

"The Army Corps is ready to provide larger generators for the hospital and wastewater treatment facility, if needed," Sablan said.

Sablan is also urging affected members of the community to document and report any damage to the Office of Mayor, which will be used for the assessment.

Relief efforts

According to Red Cross-NMI chapter executive director John Hirsh, FEMA will be supporting the relief operations of the local government as well as non-profit organizations.

He said the government is now working on an emergency declaration to send to the White House for faster response.

"We're closely coordinating with our local government and our federal partners and we're working with them all day long in terms of how they can provide assistance that can relieve the human suffering that's been going on," Hirsh said.

He added that at least a dozen relief specialists from their offices in Hawaii, Guam and California will be arriving on island in the next 48 hours.

"That will help build our capacity to help respond to as many people as quickly as we can," Hirsh said.

Hirsh is urging the community to report to them the damage that families suffered in their homes.

"What we're trying to do is have them call in the chapter and then provide us with some information about their family and where they live and the types of damage that they have and then were adding that to our electronic data base," he said.

"We're also sending teams out to the community. I think we have five teams this afternoon who are scouring the islands looking for people who are affected," he added.

Hirsh said they also have volunteers on Tinain assessing the damage.

Soup kitchen

The Salvation Army is also monitoring the shelters and helping out in recovery efforts.

According to Pastor Wayne Gillespie, they are exploring ways to get services to shelters.

He also announced that they will be opening their soup kitchen everyday for everyone who needs help as soon as the roads are cleared.

"We'll be here for the people of Saipan," Gillespie said ***(With Frauleine Michelle S. Villanueva)***

Bank of Guam comes to aid of typhoon victims

Bank of Guam has established an account for contributions to help the Saipan and Tinian communities that have been devastated by Typhoon Soudelor.

The bank's Tinian branch resumed normal operating hours yesterday, while the Garapan Branch will be operating with limited hours between 10am and 3pm.

"We are saddened to learn of the devastation to our family and friends in Saipan and Tinian, and send our support for a speedy recovery," said Lou A. Leon Guerrero, Bank of Guam president, chief executive officer and board chair. "In addition to establishing an account to accept financial contributions to send to the islands, we are providing direct assistance to all of our Bank of Guam employees in those branches."

» 'Soudelor Aid' account set up to accept financial donations

Contributions may be made at all Bank of Guam branches, with the notation that the funds should go to the "Soudelor Aid" account.

Additionally, Bank of Guam is offering a 90-day loan payment deferment to affected individuals whose loans are in good standing.

Bank of Guam, with assets over $1.4billion, is in its 43rd year with 23 branches throughout Guam and western Micronesia. Bank of Guam has had a presence in Saipan since 1980 and its Tinian branch was opened in 1984. ***(BoG)***

Typhoon Soudelor: Where we stand

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) has issued the following message to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands in the immediate aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor:

Greetings,

Climbing through the downed trees on the roads from my mother's house, where I spent the night of the storm, to my home in Garapan, I was shaken by the extent of the devastation left behind by Typhoon Soudelor.

The prayers of our community go out to all who have suffered injuries and destruction to home and business. We can at least be relieved that there has been no loss of life reported.

I want everyone to know that your congressional office is here to support the Commonwealth's recovery, and that the federal government is moving quickly to assist in this state of emergency.

Sablan

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region IX office has deployed an Incident Management Assistance Team to Saipan, and FEMA is working with the Commonwealth government to support the disaster response effort and make a preliminary damage assessment.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have also deployed personnel to assist. And U.S. Department of Energy staff is on Saipan coordinating with local officials and the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation on power restoration and fuel cleanup efforts.

Right now, food, water, cots, small generators, and other emergency supplies are being shipped in from Hawaii and Guam. The Army Corps is ready to provide larger generators for the hospital and wastewater treatment facility, if needed.

A larger scale, long-term federal response will require completion of the damage assessment. If your homes or businesses have suffered damage, please report this to your Mayor's office or other local officials, so that your information can be added to the assessment. FEMA also advises that you document this damage, if you can, as a basis for any federal aid that becomes available after you have begun cleanup and repairs.

The Acting Governor has already issued a Declaration of Major Disaster and Significant Emergency. The next step, once the damage assessment is ready, would be for the Acting Governor to make a formal request for federal assistance. FEMA reviews this request before sending its own recommendation to the President.

Your congressional office is standing ready to support the Commonwealth's request with FEMA and with the President. We have already alerted the White House to the possibility that assistance will be required. We are also in touch with FEMA on Guam and the mainland and we are keeping the congressional offices with responsibility for insular areas informed of events.

I will continue to post updates to the congressional website—http://sablan.house.gov—and to my Facebook pages in order to provide people with as much information as possible about the response efforts.

Administration seeks public's help in preventing theft amid recovery efforts

Acting governor Ralph DLG. Torres is urging residents to be proactive in preventing theft (exposed wires, personal belongings, store merchandise, etc.) as first responders continue to assist in recovery efforts after the damaging effects of Typhoon Soudelor.

"Right now, the island is vulnerable to a lot of danger even with the storm's passage, primarily in regards to thieves possibly taking advantage of looting and stealing public and private property," Torres said. "We have power lines and wires that are down, some exposed and damaged, that these individuals may try to seize to sell for profit. Stealing these items will have a significant impact on the restoration of utilities, and it is extremely important that this process does not get hindered, most especially because of criminal activity."

Torres also wants residents and merchants to be vigilant in making sure that their belongings and goods are safeguarded for the possibility of looting as well as burglary in the wake of electricity being down.

"I urge homeowners who are in the process of picking up the pieces to secure valuables and any other belongings they may have because burglars can easily take advantage of homes when night falls. This especially needs to be done if any families plan on seeking shelter elsewhere and are leaving their residences. Storeowners also have to do their part, since some may have their surveillance systems down because of the utility situation. This is something we all need to be aware of because the last thing we need to deal with in the condition we are in now is thieves taking advantage of people who are in a clear state of disadvantage."

The acting governor would like to remind the public that should they witness any thefts or suspicious activity to report them to the Department of Public Safety at 664-9000, dial 911, or call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272.

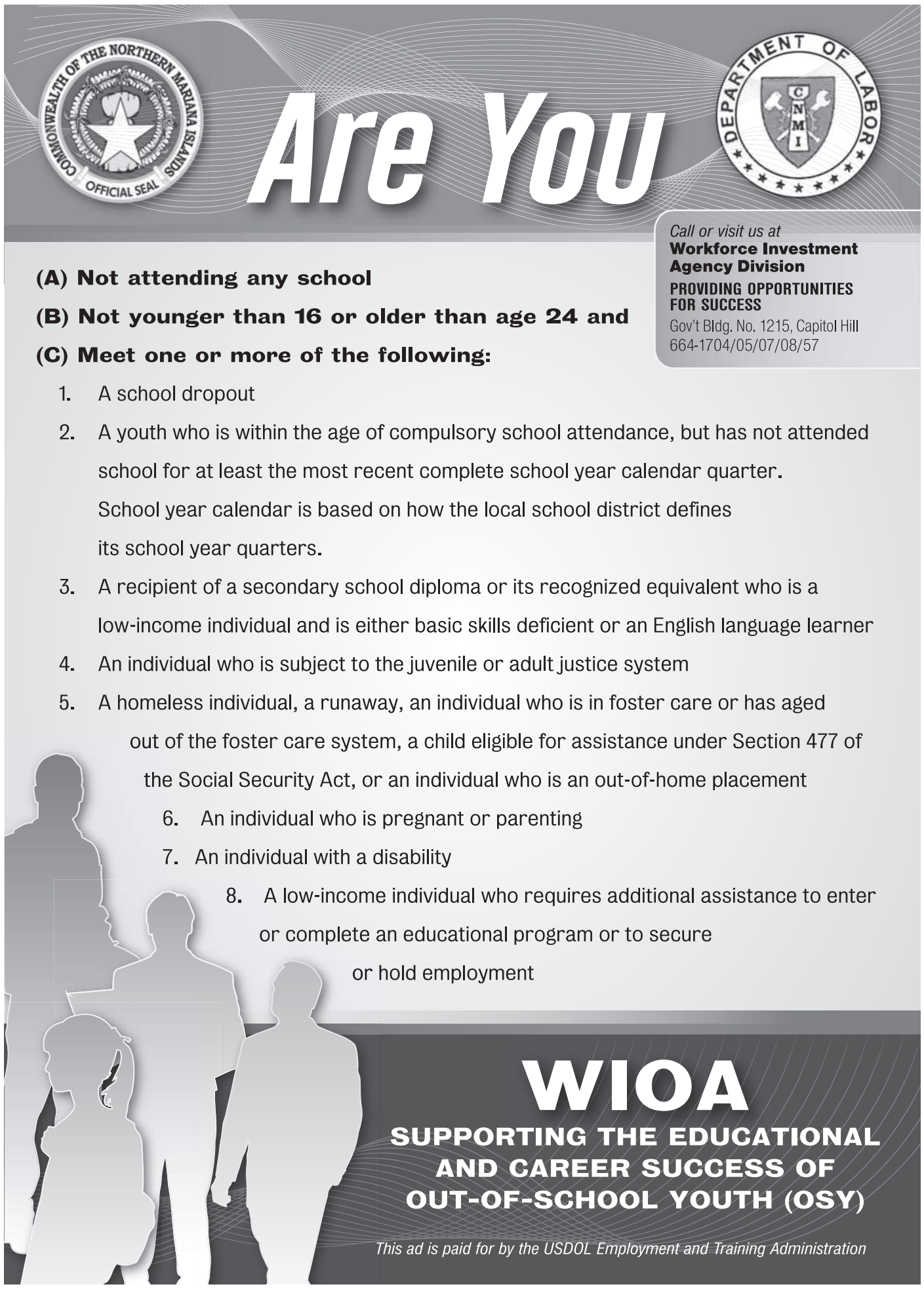
He also thanked first responders who are assisting the community in cleanup and recovery efforts from Typhoon Soudelor.

"I also ask the people to extend their patience to them as well, as the hard work of restoring our islands to normalcy is only just beginning." ***(Office of the Lieutenant Governor)***

NMC postpones summer final exams

Due to the destructive impact of Typhoon Soudelor, Northern Marianas College announced yesterday that it is postponing summer 2015 final exams that were originally scheduled for this week. A more detailed announcement about the resumption of finals and other planned activities/events will be made by Friday, Aug. 7, 2015.

The college is continuing its recovery and cleanup efforts while assessing the damage from Typhoon Soudelor. College employees are asked to report to work to assist with the cleanup and with securing the campus. Please exercise caution when driving to and moving about campus. ***(NMC)***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Women in the Know: Jennifer Jang

By THOMAS MANGLONA
CORRESPONDENT

Author's note: Saipan Tribune has featured leading women in higher education every week in a 10-part series, Women In The Know. We close the series with the story of Jennifer Jang.

Schools should teach students how to make meaning in their life, according to Jennifer Jang.

"I feel that our education system can benefit from our students having a higher level of self-awareness, because with higher self-awareness students can contribute back to the community at a much higher potential," the 2005 Marianas High School alumna added.

Jang's dictum is premised in years of learning, teaching, and writing about topics concerning applying ethics, morals, and finding a purpose in education for students and teachers.

As an educational author, teacher, and doctoral student, the 28-year-old is continuously pursuing her passion in the field of education.

After graduating and receiving the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Jang matriculated at the University of Wyoming and double majored in intercultural education and international studies. She earned her master's degree from the University of Vermont.

Not long after graduating, Jang was recruited to her current position at Champlain College as the associate director of student diversity programs, overseeing residential life and facilitating campus-wide educational programs. Jang is also a Mandarin adjunct professor for the Division of Communication and Creative Media at the college. She has previously taught applied ethics and philosophy at the graduate level.

While doing all of this, she is also pursuing her doctorate in educational leadership and policy studies at the University of Vermont and her MBA at Champlain.

" I believe strongly as a woman in continuous improvement in learning," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "The reason why I teach and continue to go to school is because I never want to stop learning. When I teach my students I get as much reflection out of that experience as my students say how much the learn from me."

Jang's passion for the enhancement of people's experience in academia manifested in a recent book she co-authored, titled *Preparing Students for Life Beyond College*.

2005 Marianas High School alumna Jennifer Jang.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The 190-page book, published by Routledge**,** the world's leading academic publisher in the Humanities and Social Sciences, is geared for faculty and staff on how to effectively work with college students and find meaning in work.

The book, co-authored by UVM professor Robert Nash, Jang said, "is a direct product of having teaching a meaning making class for three years."

"…I find this knowledge so enlightening and helpful for my own life that I want to be able to share it with others," she added. "My hope is not to make money off the book, but feel blessed to be in a situation in life to be so supported by my work and my teaching. It allows me to have time to write these that I can hope other benefit from, whether it be staff faculty or students."

Jang's book can be purchased online and is available at university libraries. She plans to release another book focusing on how college students can solve real-life moral dilemmas by the end of the year.

A journey rooted in the island way of life

Even after finding success beyond Saipan's shorelines, Jang considers Saipan her home. Her parents, Jason and Celia Jang, took her and her sister to the island when she was 10 years old.

"I would not have learned English and be able to speak the way I do today if I hadn't moved to Saipan," she said. "Saipan gave me the opportunity to try out a whole variety of activities and I know I probably wouldn't have that opportunity if I were at any other place."

Jang was an avid student athlete, while involved in speech and debate as well as the International Thespian Society. She was also a part of the first Teen Talk Live broadcast, a platform for students to speak about youth issues.

She hopes to eventually return to the islands to share her experiences and teach people here acro-yoga, a partner exercise which combines yoga and acrobatics—also a class that she teaches in the mainland.

Jang urges local students to find values to cherish and stand by. "The goal is to find things to guide your ethical compass," she said. "Know who you are and how you are despite what people may tell you what to be."

The Women in the Know

If the women in this series are any indication of the CNMI's future, we can unequivocally say that it is one filled with positive contributions to the course of the CNMI's future.

Many other women, *and men*, with island roots serve as beacons of hope and vessels of knowledge wherever they choose to go. It is the hope of many in the community that those who leave and attain success return, just as these women have promised to:

- Bernadita Manglona
- Anne Atalig
- Johora Paeda
- Roberta Guerrero
- Dora Jo Ada
- Andrea Hofshneider
- Rica Delcruz
- Abby Baker
- Theresa Rose Arriola
- Jennifer Jang

To find their individual stories, visit www.saipantribune.com.

COTA beefs up fleet for public transport services

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority has acquired four new vehicles to beef up its public transport services.

COTA said the new vehicles are all "mobility equipped vans" that will replace the vans currently in service that are over 13 years old.

"By investing in new rolling stock, COTA is able to provide better options for moving around our island," said newly appointed transport chief Alfreda Camacho.

The total cost of the purchase is $283,980 through a grant from the Federal Transit Administration.

"The people of the CNMI deserve modern and reliable transportation services that support the quality of life and economic vitality of the islands," Camacho added.

Acting governor Ralph DLG. Torres said the modern vehicles would provide everyone—including students, working individuals, people with disabilities, and visitors—access to public transportation around our communities."

"This is part of the administration's goal to reduce traffic, fossil fuel consumption, and to provide readily accessible public transportation," he said.

COTA reported that as of April, its Call-A-Ride Saipan ridership totaled 9,696 and is steadily increasing. The ADA paratransit service fare for riders with disabilities, senior citizens (55+), and children at age 5 is $3 one way. Children below 4 years old are free.

As of December 2013, CARS expanded and opened its ADA paratransit service to include the general public for a $5 one-way fare. Any individual may call CARS in advance to reserve a ride the next day or up to seven days of scheduled ride.

CARS operation is from 6am to 9pm. Monday through Friday and from 6a to 6pm.

Bigger project

In an earlier interview, Vince C. Merfalen, COTA mobility management and transit coordinator, said an even bigger public transport program is currently being developed—10 buses, each with a capacity of 20 to 30, plying seven routes across Saipan.

He said the project is expected to start in two year's time, if funding will be made available. ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

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/S/ LAURA T. OGUMORO
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/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, P&S

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-15-IFB-010

INSTALLATION OF SPEED BUMPS

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **Installation of Speed Bumps, Kagman II and III**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **July 29, 2015**, at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, and Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **Fifty Dollars ($50.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Works at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

The will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **August 17, 2015**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **August 24, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-15-IFB-010"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local times **September 03, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local times September 03, 2015, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com For bidders located outside the CNMI, and original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **September 03, 2015** and must be received no later than **September 15, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **Sept. 16, 2015**. However, if no notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **Sept. 03, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.** The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25, 000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has the authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

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Performance time for completion of this project is **Thirty (30) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement and Supply

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
▲85° ▼75°

THURSDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. West winds 10 to 15 mph.
▲85° ▼75°

FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼77°

SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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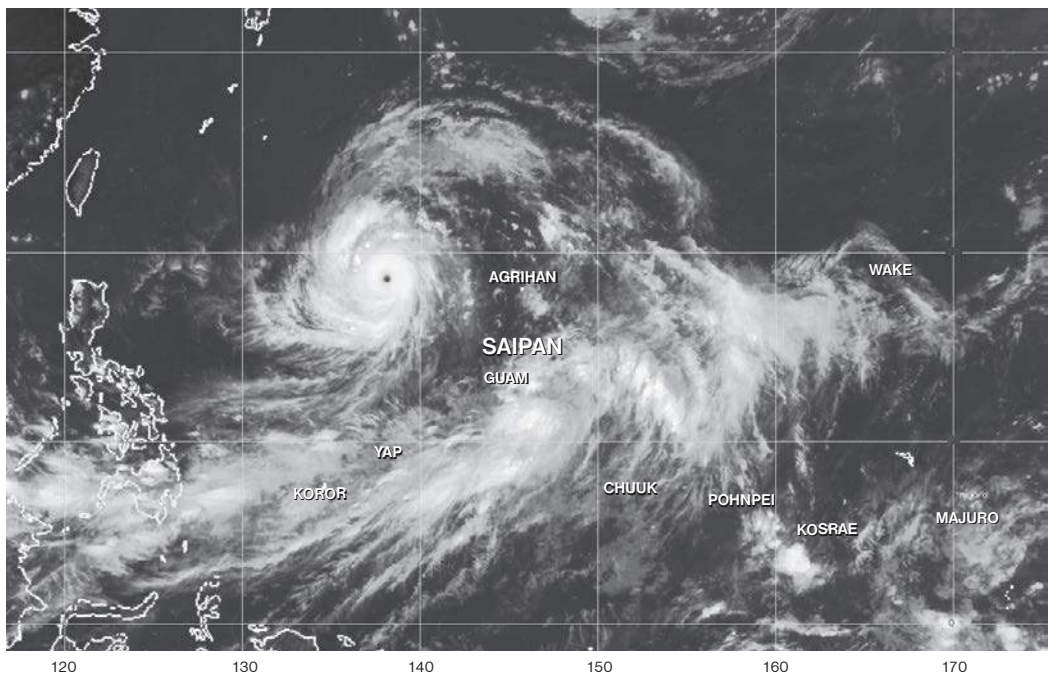
Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Super Typhoon Soudelor (13W) is centered 500 miles west-northwest of Saipan near 18N139E moving west-northwest at 13 mph with maximum sustained winds of 180 mph. Heavy rain and scattered thunderstorms are occurring between 15N and 22N from 135E to 142E. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north of Soudelor between 22N and 25N from 138E to 145E. For more information on Soudelor, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough extends from 18N130E to Super Typhoon Soudelor to 14N157E to a circulation south of Majuro near 3N172E then continues east of the dateline at 9N. Low-level convergence south of the trough is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Palau and Yap State between 5N and 11N from 130E to 144E and south and east of the Marianas between 5N and 12N from 145E to 149E and between 10N and 18N from 149E to 159E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near the circulation can be found south of Majuro between 2N and 5N from 167E to 175E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Chuuk	Cloudy	▲86	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲59	▼49
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲84	▼70
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲92	▼80
Honolulu	Showers	▲90	▼78
London	Showers	▲74	▼61
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲90	▼66
Manila	Thundershowers	▲87	▼76
Melbourne	Showers	▲54	▼43
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90	▼79
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼68
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲95	▼81
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼62
Pusan	Sunny	▲92	▼77
Rome	Sunny	▲98	▼76
Salem	Sunny	▲84	▼53
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼57
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲94	▼75
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲96	▼81
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼69

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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:04 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
6:33 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
12:06 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
6:31 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:01 AM	6:46 PM
Thursday	6:01 AM	6:45 PM
Friday	6:01 AM	6:45 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:45 PM
Sunday	6:02 AM	6:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:41 PM	10:27 AM
Thursday	11:30 PM	11:25 AM
Friday		12:22 PM
Saturday	12:19 AM	1:18 PM
Sunday	1:09 AM	2:14 PM

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UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
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SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7

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DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

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SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

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ARRIVALS

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UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
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UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
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7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
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SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
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EDITORIAL

President Obama's Clean Power Plan has the right priorities: Use less coal, clean up the air

President Barack Obama's newly announced Clean Power Plan is a big step forward for a nation that needs to reduce harmful carbon-dioxide emissions from power plants. It's a strategy worth extra attention in coal-dependent states like Missouri and Kansas.

The Show-Me State gets just over 80 percent of its electric power from coal, and the Sunflower State about 60 percent. Both rank among the top 14 U.S. states that most heavily rely on coal-powered plants to keep the lights on.

What's the better alternative? As Obama stressed Monday, the country must greatly increase its use of cleaner renewable energies, especially wind and solar.

Ashok Gupta, senior energy economist for the Natural Resources Defense Council, noted in an interview that the costs of renewables are headed nowhere but down. The fuel expenses are literally nothing when the wind is blowing and the sun is shining. Investing in renewable energy also reduces the future costs of dealing with huge environmental problems caused by burning coal.

Obama's excellent goal to cut carbon pollution from the nation's power sector 32 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 is "so doable," said Gupta, who works in Kansas City, Mo., with a program designed to increase energy efficiency in buildings.

Environmental groups spoke out in favor of Obama's plan, for good reasons. It creates jobs in the fast-growing renewable industry. The Missouri Chapter of the Sierra Club praised potential improvements for the "quality of life for low-income neighborhoods, communities of color, and vulnerable populations like asthmatics and the elderly." The Union of Concerned Scientists said the plan "provides us with our best shot to ... lead the rest of the world towards a strong international climate agreement."

Cue the naysayers in the status quo fossil fuel industry, especially in the rapidly declining field of coal. The percentage of electricity produced by coal fell from 48.5 percent in 2007 to 38.7 percent in the country in 2014.

On Monday, Obama's proposal predictably was derided as part of his "war on coal," with claims that he had a "lack of empathy for hard working Americans across the country." That last statement came from the euphemistically named American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity.

Obama deftly turned aside such criticism. Innovative American industries, he noted, have produced vehicles that are more efficient and pollute less, despite initial dire threats that it wasn't possible to do that. U.S. utilities have slashed other dangerous pollutants in the past, he accurately pointed out, often at far lower costs than first predicted.

Now the country needs to follow that path again while weaning itself from coal. The laudable goals are healthier air, a lowered risk of climate change and less costly long-term costs of producing power to run America.

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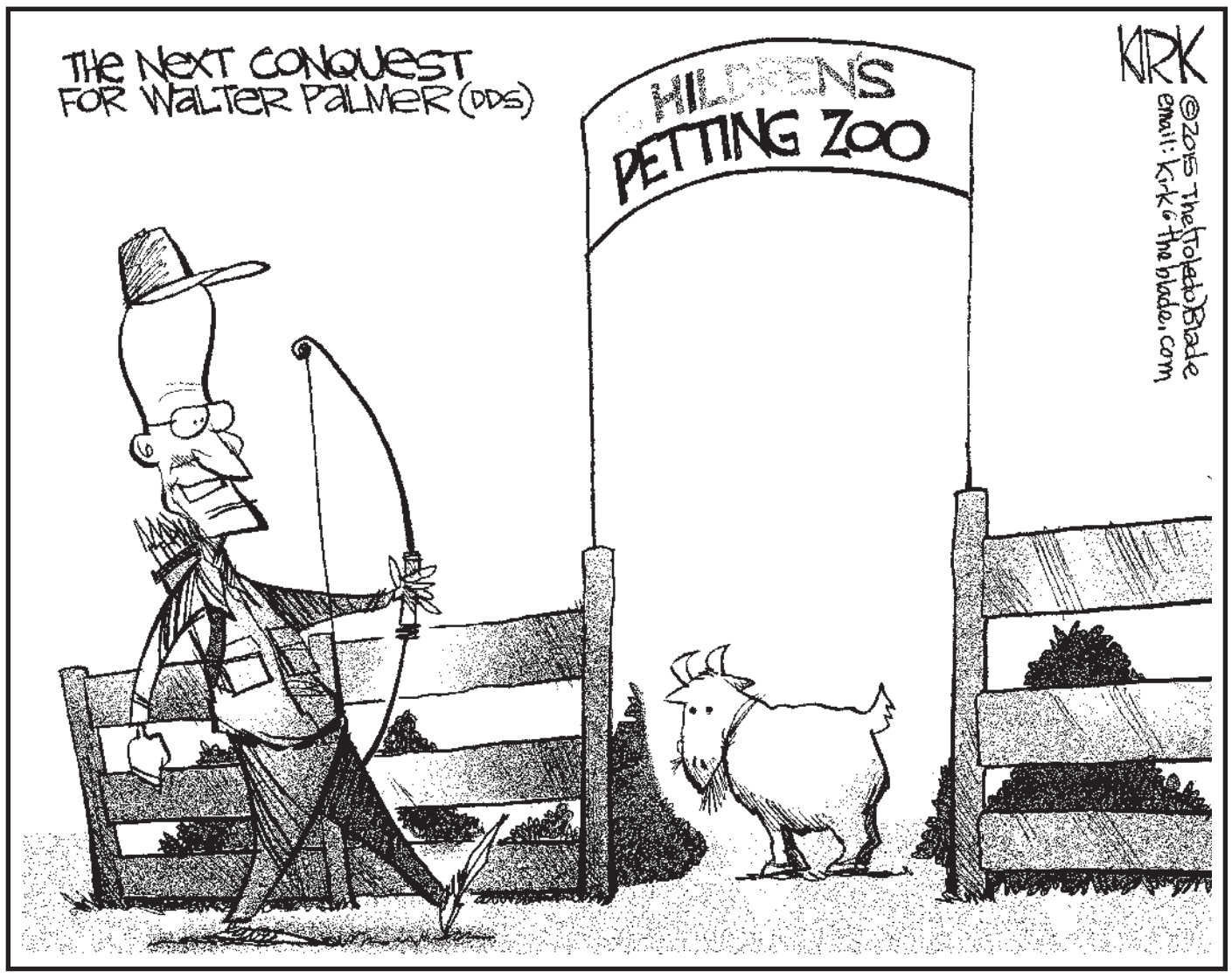

Obama, Soudelor and I

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Barack turned 54 on the 4th; I had him side-by-side Soudelor that called on our island last Sunday night. Those unfamiliar with Soudelor, he was a legendary chief of Pohnpei whose name has been used for typhoons in 2003, 2009, and this year.

I turned 70 on Aug. 1. Uncle Lino, everyone's favorite Carolinian, managed to slap a slice of pork on the grill at his lagoon beachfront with four visiting ladies from three locations in China, and had a can of Bud on the side, so I had my day.

I just turned 20 when I went to school in the U.S. in 1965, got a green card in '71, and raised my hand to be naturalized in Guam in '83 after being married to a U.S. citizen for more than 15 years. Before then, my travel papers at the INS were meticulously scrutinized whenever I crossed borders as it was unusual for one of Philippine descent not to apply for citizenship on the first day one qualified.

A couple of colleagues and I went to Metamoros across the Rio Grande south of Texas to have lunch. It took me four hours to get back in. I fitted the profile of a Filipino in a three-piece suit and patent leather shoes trying to cross the border from Mexico to the United States!

This is simply to say that after coming in and out of the United States for the last 49 years, I bid my two daughters *adieu* and made it clear that the next *ni hao* will have to be in China. I have four young boys "who need to see the world" as soon as they can, so this should be an incentive.

When Soudelor howled Sunday before midnight, many CUC lampposts went down. Happily, our apartment had its own generator so we had power and water but crude has since been taken off the market, and our solace of being properly showered is gone.

Typhoon Soudelor was ferocious and strong, spared the lightning but not the thunder, and the parked cars in our complex—automatically set to blare their hoots when intruded—did so in concert.

The typhoon is not our analogy to Obama's presence in Washington, D.C. Lyndon Johnson was considered a liberal and compared to the Democrats south of the Mason-Dixon line, LBJ was a liberal of a sort but to see Obama elected to the White House and preside with confidence and competence, it restored my faith in the American process.

Since Nixon took the Presidency, I had not been a fan of the office. I have been comfortable with Barrack, compared to the conjugal leadership of the Clintons who called the shots while I resided within the beltway of D.C. Bill and Hillary were short on the wholesome assurance of All State's "you're in good hands"!

The fury of Soudelor shook the windows and kept anything loose flying on the apartment complex's walkway. At midnight, the eerie eye came through without a breeze, then the storm's fury started again. Some of the units in our complex got wet as the rain intruded between window panels. We did not have any window panes shatter, though we heard some glass break as the wind got stronger. Now I understand why glass panels are boarded during storms, if only to shade our sight from the crescendo of trees swaying like modern aerobic contortionists on stage.

We got the storm for a background, and we wished Obama *Happy Birthday* on Aug. 4. Youthful at 54 by any measure, Obama led a nation in seven years through a diverse support net of ethnic and progressive forces who may not be pleased with the outcome of the Affordable Health Care, immigration, same-sex union, the issue of gun ownership (we read in these pages someone argue that the nation was safer because citizens owned guns), climate change, college fees and the like, but compared to a nation with a penchant for providing the latest in the military's ordnance, we are not displeased with his watch.

The anti-Chinese rhetoric of conservative circles— a hangover from the aborted imperial impulse of America that created G.I. Joe in Hawaii and the Pacific, in Micronesia, the Philippines and military outposts in Korea and Japan—played well to Obama's agenda, as clearly the China scare kept the military in line, diverted U.S. foreign policy from the Middle East, took our eyes off the oil, tolerated the saber-rattling of Shinzo Abe to keep China's naval ascendancy in its own waters checked, while the PLA just went its merry way.

Obama will be 55 when he exits the East Room. With a sensitive heart and a lucid mind, he can hit many dais and play the statesman—joining Bill Clinton and George W. Bush in the civic podium circuit and drawing a hefty fee in the process.

Considering who might be in line into the Rose Garden, Soudelor and Obama may be mild compared to Hillary's thunder. Yes, we are ripe for a female President and though I never really warmed up to Hillary Rodham Clinton, I would find her policies not too distant from mine. It might just be that we had not seen the fury of a storm yet!

I guess Michelle was glad there was no one singing *Happy Birthday, Mr. President* ala MM to JFK, but Obama ushered his 55th year with pride. With the climate change initiative, I dreamed he showed up at Saipan's tarmac. Oh, well, he has not done too badly.

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Soudelor is strongest typhoon of 2015 so far

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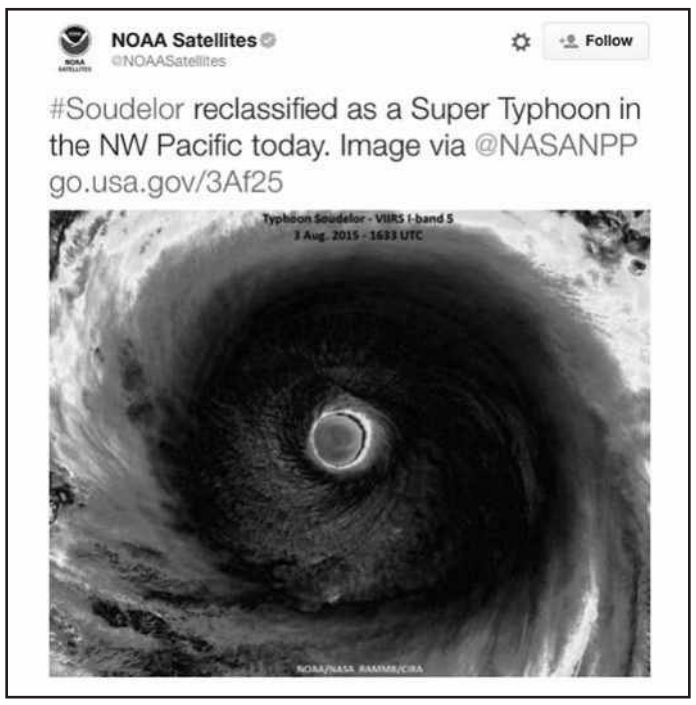
After blasting the Pacific island of Saipan with wind gusts close to 100 mph, Super Typhoon Soudelor is taking aim at Taiwan and China, now the equivalent of a category 5 hurricane with wind speeds of 178 mph, and the strongest tropical cyclone yet in 2015.

The powerful cyclone was tiny in size as it crossed Saipan, population 48,000 in the Northern Mariana Islands. The eye of Soudelor was just four miles wide as it made landfall as a category 2 with sustained winds of 105 mph. Weather Underground's Bob Hensen says that Soudelor was "among the smallest eyes and eyewalls observed anywhere as a tropical cyclone was making landfall." But given its small size, satellite imagery may not have been sufficient to convey just how strong the typhoon was as it passed over Saipan.

With 350 people in shelters, Saipan has declared a "state of disaster and significant emergency," reports the *Pacific Daily News*. "In just about three hours, Typhoon Soudelor—named after a legendary Pohnpeian chief—left behind a devastated wasteland of wrecked homes, fallen electric posts, uprooted trees, vegetation shorn of their leaves, and impassable roadways," reports the *Saipan Tribune.* "There were no reports, however, of fatalities."

Since clearing Saipan, Super Typhoon Soudelor has grown in size and intensity, rocketing from a category 2 to 4 in just 12 hours—a period of rapid intensification common in small storms amid very favorable environments. Sea surface temperature is more than warm enough to support a very strong storm, and wind shear, which acts to weaken typhoons and hurricanes, is low.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Super Typhoon Soudelor reached the equivalent of category 5 hurricane status on Monday afternoon, eastern time, with sustained winds of 178 mph. Soudelor is now the strongest tropical cyclone on Earth since Super Typhoon Hagupit in December 2014, which also peaked with winds of 180 mph.

The Joint Typhoon Warning Center is forecasting even more strengthening to wind speeds of 184 mph.

Soudelor will continue to track west-northwest through the Pacific Ocean over the next four days where it will encounter Japan's southernmost islands in the Okinawa Prefecture. The current track forecast also puts Taiwan in the typhoon's path, possibly as it's still a category 3 or 4 with sustained winds of 110 to 135 mph.

Where exactly Soudelor makes landfall next is still an unknown—small variations in the track could lead to very different impacts for the Okinawa Prefecture and Taiwan. The European model is suggesting a track to the south of the Joint Typhoon Warning Center, putting Taiwan at risk for a direct landfall from a super typhoon. The GFS model is suggesting a weaker typhoon with a more northern track, which would spare Taiwan from the most destructive wind speeds.

The GFS forecast for Soudelor places the powerful typhoon just north of Taiwan on Friday morning, Eastern time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Politics 'U.S. Pacom-style'

The July 2, 2015, article "Military to NMI consultants: 'Tell us exactly where we are not in compliance'" is illustrative of how military officialdom plays politics with islanders.

Craig Whelden claims in the article that Dentons US LLC and Environmental Science Associates make statements that are too broad and unclear. Whelden says that "The statement is a little broad, and I don't know exactly what they meant when they said the evidence was inadequate or alternatives had not been considered that we did not engage in soliciting public input. Those are the things I asked them to be more specific about."

Whelden is demonstrating how to play politics with islanders in this example for many reasons. First, Whelden is not the client of Dentons US LLC or ESA—the government of the CNMI is the client. Second, while Whelden says that comments made are too broad, he simultaneously omits to make specific reference to a specific provision or set of provisions contained within NEPA to effectively counter any claim made by Dentons and ESA. Third, the burden of proof is on the military to defend the quality and full statutory compliance of its official outputs, not the other way around.

Another example of Whelden playing impression politics is his attempt to make U.S. Pacom look like the "good guy" in the DEIS process by stating that the general public has 180 days to make comments on the DEIS. This statement fails to acknowledge that Pacom had years to prepare the DEIS and to somehow think that 180 calendar days is enough time for islanders and the general public to carefully read, assess, ask questions, digest, formulate, and submit comments on a topic that will forever change the NMI environmentally and culturally is grossly misplaced. The fact that Whelden didn't make comparative statements tying in the time the military had to prepare the DEIS with the substantially shorter range of time given to islanders and the general public to comment is impression politics, U.S. Pacom-style.

A second example of U.S. Pacom playing politics "island style" is found in the public statements made by the No. 2 guy at U.S. Pacific Command, Anthony Crutchfield. Joel D. Pinaroc's July 3rd, 2015, *Saipan Tribune* article "Inos says talk on proposed military build up 'work in progress'" demonstrates the political deftness of Anthony Crutchfield. Crutchfield affirms in the article that he will "interface" with leaders in Washington D.C., particularly top Pentagon officials.

The question, however, is what is Crutchfield's definition of "interface" and why should we care? Does interface mean that Crutchfield will make 10-second references to the Mariana Islands next time he pays a visit to the Army Chief of Staff? Does interface mean that Crutchfield will share one or two concerns that islanders have with other senior general officers to convey that "progress" is somehow being made in the Marianas? Does interface mean that Crutchfield will meet with Robert Work or provide written testimony to Congress that islander concerns, such as environmental and Chamorro cultural damage, are going relatively unnoticed and should now be addressed with equal importance as military desires are viewed? Without a specific definition of what is meant by "interface," Chamorros and Carolinians may be left with nothing but a bag full of hot air, U.S. Pacom-style.

Mr. Pinaroc's article continues by paraphrasing Crutchfield, when it is stated [referencing Crutchfildl] that "disagreements are to be expected but it is his hope that the disagreements should not be based on hearsay or brought about by emotions." What is Crutchfield talking about? Warfare is inherently a political, emotional, irrational and ultimately a destructive endeavor. Planes, ships, missiles, bombs, amphibious training, active sonar, naval gunfire and spent ammo are used by military folks to carry out political ends by other than peaceful means. War is a human endeavor and to suggest that Chamorros and Carolinians should somehow not incorporate hearsay or emotion is one method to attempt to control or influence how the target population of islanders from the Marianas should think or feel. It is also a disrespectful comment targeted at islanders because it is based in part on the assumption that we somehow cannot think for ourselves and by extension, must instead listen to government employees wearing fancy uniforms.

Crutchfield also stated in Mr. Pinaroc's article, "We want to be good partners." What does this mean? If islanders continue to not give consent and approval to the DEIS and the idea of increased militarization in the Marianas, will we still be considered good partners or will it be changed to "bad partners" or something else?

There are many unstated assumptions in the language used by both Whelden and Crutchfield that need further examination and clarification because without these folks being more explicit and specific in language used, what we are seeing is politics, U.S. Pacom-style.

If senior military and politically appointed leaders from U.S. Pacom or from the Pentagon want to build trust, the ugly truth about how potentially destructive this military endeavor is going to be in all domains must be the first order of business. U.S. Pacom should also redirect its impression management machine and start explaining just how the Covenant fits into military desires for the NMI and explain what is a military "requirement" and who determines what is or is not a "requirement." It would also help if U.S. Pacom explains why target practice options did not include areas outside of the Marianas Islands because, according to Pacom's official website, this military organization's area of responsibility covers half of the entire planet. Since when are Pagan and Tinian islands the only islands that provide the only real options to simulate tactical warfare in the Pacific?

If Pacom doesn't start speaking plainly to address the short- and long-term damage and destruction that will occur on both Tinian and Pagan undersea, on and below the land and in the air, it will continue to lose credibility because of U.S. Pacom's lack of courage to speak the truth plainly and simply.

The first step toward achieving trust in any civilian-military relationship is being able to say unpleasant things in simply understood language, not government-centric military jargon butchered English. U.S. Pacom is playing both word games and "politricks" with islanders based in part on false hopes that select military officials will somehow give voice, establish, and sustain political traction and deliver the needed influence in Washington, D.C. to change the desired outcome that the military wants and desires in the first place. Perhaps U.S. Pacom and Pentagon bureaucrats who are overpaid to begin with can first explain how the Covenant between the U.S. and the NMI applies to the DEIS process and why Pagan and Tinian, comparatively speaking, are so heavily desired by the military when the area of responsibility covered by the U.S. Pacific Command is half the planet.

Rick Perez
Hanover, NH

We will overcome!

It is with a heavy heart that I write this.

My wife Erica and I have been off island for three weeks and are now stuck in Narita, Japan, waiting for our airport to open so we can fly home.

The pictures are horrifying. I do not recognize our island. So many are now homeless. I heard 300 power poles are down. I have never heard of a power pole going down on Saipan due to a storm.

According to some news sources, Soudelor is working its way to becoming the strongest storm this year so far.

Back home, people are weary, many have lost homes and our island is beaten and battered.

It is during these times that the character of each one of us will show. It is the time for us all to come together.

Erica and I know in our hearts that our island and our people will recover and thrive again, but it will take time and effort.

If you have a home, take others in. If you have food, share it with others, but most importantly, be strong and face this menace together, and we will overcome!

To our young men and women, this is the opportunity to show your talents and skills by helping our island recover in whatever way you can. Every little effort will help.

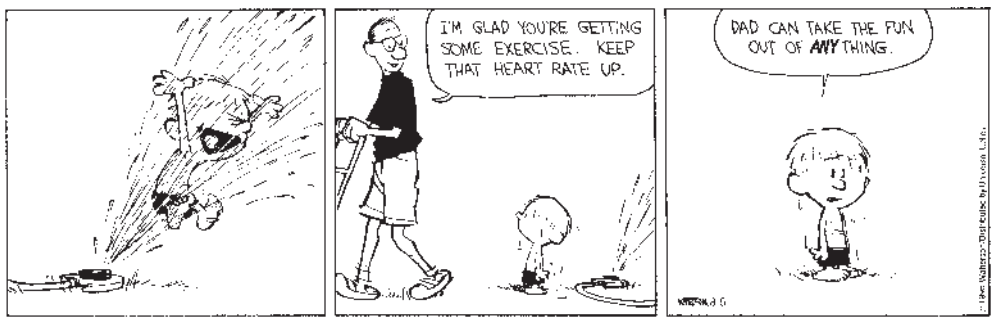
May God bless our island home Saipan!

Tom Thornburgh
via email

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



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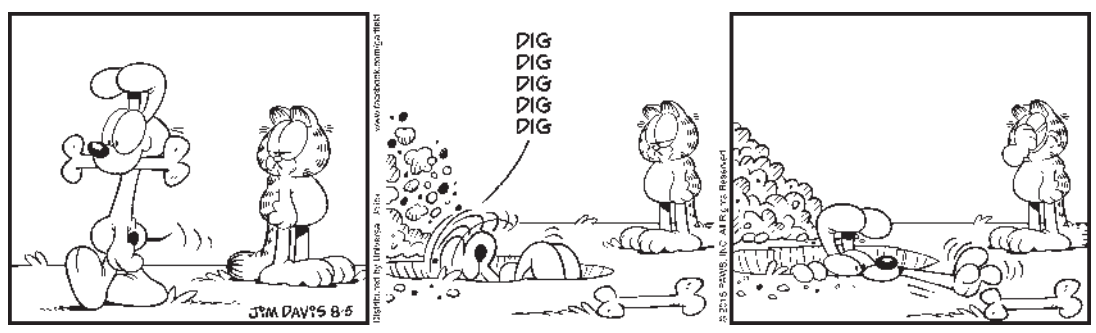

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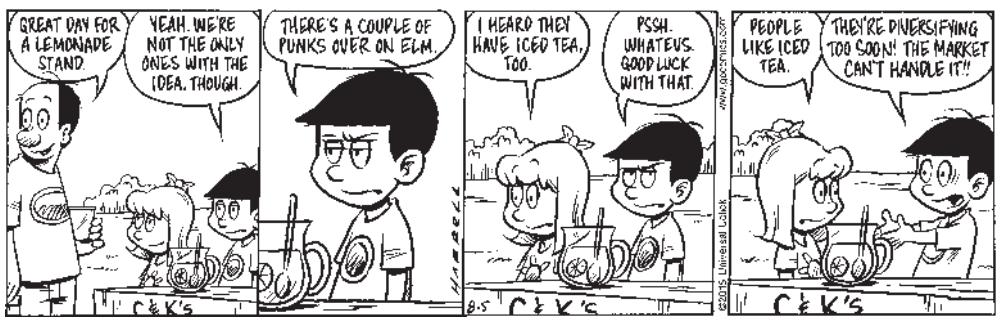
By Bryan Basset


GREAT DAY FOR A LEMONADE STAND.
YEAH. WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES WITH THE IDEA. THOUGH.
THERE'S A COUPLE OF PUNKS OVER ON ELM.
I HEARD THEY HAVE ICED TEA, TOO.
PSSH. WHATEVS. GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.
PEOPLE LIKE ICED TEA.
THEY'RE DIVERSIFYING TOO SOON! THE MARKET CAN'T HANDLE IT!!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Arp's art
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13 Blackbird
14 Vagrant
15 Downhill racer
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25 Familiar folks
28 Actress Campbell
30 "CSI" network
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34 Farm statistic
35 Erstwhile acorn
36 San Francisco's — Hill
37 Ms. Moore
38 Wan
39 Singer Sumac
41 No neatnik
43 Urge earnestly
46 Eccentric
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51 "No doubt"
54 Advantage
55 Actor McBride
56 Black, in verse
57 Tree hugger?
58 Glutton
59 Ohio nine

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1 Cornerstone info
2 Shakespeare's river
3 Firsties
4 Swear to
5 Scott Joplin's music
6 Actress Ortiz
7 Kite flier's need
8 Coast
9 Pipe fillers
10 Sleeping
11 Vacillate
16 Solidify
20 Keatsian works
22 Formerly
23 Contract details
25 Author Follett
26 Billy Joel's "— to Extremes"
27 Vessels that resemble stout men
29 Bridal cover
31 Scrooge's cry
32 Firmament
34 Hebrew month
38 Exploitative one
40 Pack animals
42 Indivisible
43 Throat clearer
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47 Toothpaste holder
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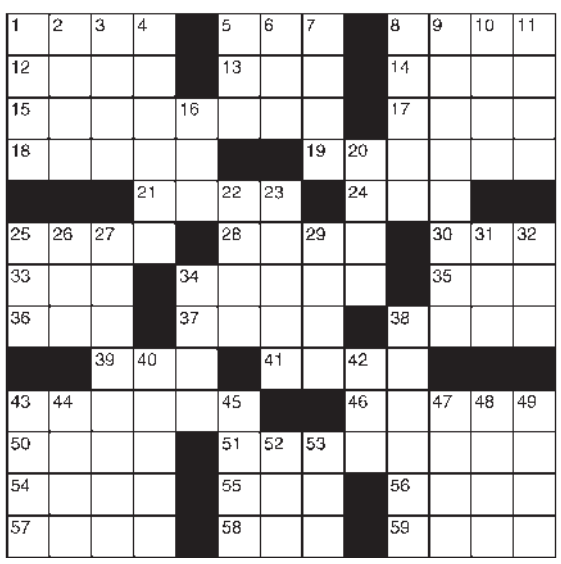
Last Friday's answer 8-5



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Lolo Jones, 33; Jonathan Silverman, 49; Maureen McCormick, 59.

Happy Birthday: Don't wait for someone to make the first move. Be the instigator and the one to bring about change. Travel, learning and embracing your inner strength will lead to victory. Seize the moment and make this year your best ever. Discipline and hard work combined with doing what makes you happy will bring you the best results. Your numbers are 8, 12, 20, 28, 34, 42, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take charge and make your voice heard. You'll outsmart any competition you face with your wit and your words. You'll be able to stifle anyone who has a misconception about you or your ability. Bring about positive personal changes. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Dig deep until you understand what you are up against. Promises will not be fulfilled unless you secure what you want in writing. Don't get emotional when what you need to do is take action. Choose discipline over indulgence. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make a residential move, change or upgrade. Give personal relationships top priority and do your best to ensure that you are emotionally sound and in-tune with the people you care about the most. Be open about what you want. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Hang out with someone you enjoy being around. Catch up on your reading and look out for information that will help you proceed with a creative endeavor. Don't feel guilty if you don't feel like helping others. Take care of your own needs first. ✪✪

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look at your options and head in the direction that entices you the most. Traveling for business or pleasure will lead to interesting ideas and professional changes. Love is highlighted, and romance will improve your life. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Investments will pay off, but that doesn't mean you should spend unnecessarily. Take care of personal papers or look over contracts that will protect you from loss. Take a unique approach to partnerships and don't let someone's uncertainty lead to self-doubt. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make physical changes that will promote better health. Helping others by using your knowledge and skills will interest someone in a unique and unexpected partnership. You stand to advance if you don't procrastinate. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check everything you do twice and don't leave anything for someone else to do for you. Utilize your energy wisely and force your will in order to get what you want. Your calculations will determine how successful you'll be. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Feel the love and the change of attitude you get when you take part in something that teaches you about life changes, personal philosophies or living differently. The adventure and excitement you feel will lead to a healthy and happy future. ✪✪✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't count on anyone or anything to take care of your responsibilities for you. Be ready to step in if someone lets you down. Turn any situation that presents challenges into a positive by using your expertise to make things right. Don't cave under pressure. ✪✪

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your curiosity will lead you in an exciting new direction. Try your hand at something that interests you, and it could turn into a moneymaking enterprise. Follow through with your plans and share your thoughts and desires with someone special. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let anyone talk you out of what you have been planning to do. Choose your direction. If you don't follow a path that makes you happy, you will live to regret your choice and resent who stands in your way. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are enthusiastic, competitive and smart. You are adventurous and bold.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

9	7	5	2	8	6	3	4	1
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By DAVID OUELLET

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Northern Marianas Humanities Council
Navigating the Human Experience

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Board of Directors
Northern Marianas Humanities Council

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council (Council) wishes to announce a vacancy on its board of directors.

The Council is a non-profit private corporation affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council's mission is to "foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through support of educational programs that relate the humanities to the indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the Commonwealth."

The Council's board is comprised of thirteen volunteer members who serve three year terms. The Council strives to maintain a board that reflects a broad cross section of our CNMI community. The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to promote the Council's mission, programs, and activities and to actively participate in fundraising activities. Board responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Attending regular Council meetings four times annually;
- Raising funds for Council programs;
- Recruiting community partners;
- Promoting awareness about the Council's mission and its programs in the community;
- Attending Council programs and activities;
- Participating in working committee meetings;
- Evaluating Council programs and activities;
- Reviewing grant applications;
- Providing input about the humanities from various community members, and
- Attending conferences, workshops and other meetings on behalf of the Council.

Applicants are invited to submit their letters of interest and resumes to **Robert H. Hunter, Chair, Northern Marianas Humanities Council at Post Office Box 506437 Saipan, MP 96950** or delivered to the Council's office located in the Springs Plaza Building in Gualo Rai, Saipan. All letters of interest and resumes must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, **August 14, 2015**. For additional information, please contact the Council's Executive Director, Scott Russell, at telephone 235-4785 or visit the Council's website at www.northernmarianashumanities.org.

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Beltre's 3rd career cycle in Rangers' 12-9 win over Astros

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Adrian Beltre became the first major leaguer since the 1930s to hit for his third career cycle and the Texas Rangers held on for a wild 12-9 victory over the AL West-leading Houston Astros on Monday night.

Beltre's solo homer in the fifth, a liner deep into the seats in left field, completed the cycle against three Houston pitchers.

A two-run triple by Beltre in the first inning put the Rangers ahead to stay at 3-2. He had a double in the second and a single in the third before his ninth homer of the season made it 12-7.

All three of Beltre's cycles have come at the Rangers' ballpark, two for the home team and one as a visitor when he was playing for Seattle on Sept. 1, 2008. The third baseman's other cycle for Texas was Aug. 24, 2012, against Minnesota.

AP
Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre follows through on his solo home run completing the cycle against the Houston Astros during the fifth inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 3, 2015, in Arlington, Texas.

Mets 12, Marlins 1

In Miami, Yoenis Cespedes hit three doubles and New York took over first place in the NL East, routing Miami.

Fresh off sweeping Washington, the Mets won their fourth in a row and moved a game ahead of the Nationals for the division lead.

There was a brief delay with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning after Tomas Telis lost control of his bat and it flew into the stands and hit a fan. There was no immediate word on the extent of the man's injury.

Cespedes, acquired last week from Detroit, played for the third time with the Mets and tied the team record for doubles in a game. He drove in four runs.

Bartolo Colon (10-10) had lost six straight decisions. He pitched eight innings and allowed one run.

Tom Koehler (8-8) was tagged in the Marlins' most-lopsided loss of the season.

Diamondbacks 6, Nationals 4

In Washington, rookie Zack Godley pitched six scoreless innings to continue a stellar start to his career, and Arizona homered four times to send Washington to a fourth straight loss.

Nick Ahmed homered and had four hits as the Diamondbacks improved to 5-2 on their 10-game, bi-coastal road trip.

Godley (3-0) won two of those games, and with Monday's victory he becomes the second Arizona pitcher to win in each of his first three major league outings.

David Peralta and Welington Castillo added back-to-back homers off Nationals starter Doug Fister (4-7) and Jake Lamb hit a high-arcing shot in the ninth in Jonathan Papelbon's home debut in Washington.

Fister allowed five runs over six innings.

Blue Jays 5, Twins 1

In Toronto, David Price struck out 11 over eight innings to win his Blue Jays debut, Josh Donaldson hit a tiebreaking home run and Toronto beat Minnesota in the opener of a four-game series between AL wild-card contenders.

Price (10-4) allowed one run and three hits. He threw 119 pitches, two shy of his season high.

Acquired from Detroit last Thursday for a trio of minor league left-handers, Price received a standing ovation from the sellout crowd of 45,766 as he walked in from the bullpen before the game.

NBA All-Star Kevin Durant was among those on hand to watch Price work on a sunny afternoon.

The lefty struck out the first two batters he faced and set down four straight before Torii Hunter homered in the second. It was the 12th home run surrendered by Price in 10 career starts at Rogers Centre.

Braves 9, Giants 8, 12 innings

In Atlanta, Adonis Garcia hit a two-run homer in the 12th inning off Ryan Vogelsong and Atlanta completed its final comeback of the game to beat San Francisco.

Down 6-0 against Matt Cain going into the sixth, the Braves rallied with four runs. A.J. Pierzynski hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth off Santiago Casilla, tying it at 7.

Buster Posey homered early, then hit a go-ahead single in the Giants 12th.

Jace Peterson led off the Braves 12th by reaching on a throwing error by shortstop Brandon Crawford. Vogelsong (7-7), trying to earn the first save of his 11-season career, fell behind in the count and Garcia homered over the center field wall.

Garcia made his major league debut this season and has three home runs in 11 games.

The Giants have lost two in a row for the first time since stopping a seven-game skid in early July.

Mariners 8, Rockies 7

In Denver, Felix Hernandez pitched effectively into the seventh inning, Nelson Cruz homered in a fourth consecutive game to reach 30 for the season, and Seattle beat Colorado.

Kyle Seager homered on the front end of back-to-back shots with Cruz, and Brad Miller added a solo shot among his three hits for the Mariners, who have won three of four since dropping four straight.

Jose Reyes, in his first appearance at Coors Field since being acquired by Colorado in the trade deadline deal that sent Troy Tulowitzki to Toronto, had two RBI singles. Charlie Blackmon added four hits, including two doubles.

Trailing 8-4 heading into the bottom of the ninth, the Rockies scored three runs and had runners at the corners with two outs before Carson Smith induced a game-ending fly out from Blackmon for his 10th save.

Rays 5, White Sox 4

In Chicago, Mikie Mahtook singled with two outs in the top of the ninth inning to drive in Logan Forsythe and give Tampa Bay a win over Chicago.

Forsythe started the winning rally with a one-out walk. Evan Longoria had three hits and an RBI.

Rays prospect Richie Shaffer went 0-for-2 with a hit-by-pitch and a walk in four plate appearances before leaving the game in the seventh.

Jake McGee (1-1) pitched a perfect eighth to get the win and Brad Boxberger worked out of a jam in the ninth for his 27th save. David Robertson (4-3) took the loss.

Jose Abreu and Carlos Sanchez each had a two-run home run for Chicago, which has dropped four of five following a hot streak.

Padres 13, Brewers 5

In Milwaukee, Yangervis Solarte hit two home runs and Tyson Ross pitched six effective innings to help San Diego rout Milwaukee.

Solarte hit a solo home run in the first and connected for a three-run shot in the seventh.

Jedd Gyorko also homered and had three hits while Alexi Amarista drove in three runs for the Padres.

Ross (8-8) gave up seven hits and two earned runs in six innings. He struck out five and walked two. He also had an RBI single in the third inning.

Milwaukee starter Wily Peralta (2-6) was ineffective in his second start after spending more than two months on the disabled list with a strained left oblique.

Orioles 9, Athletics 2

In Oakland, Calif., Chris Davis hit a three-run shot in the first inning for his 27th homer to back rookie Tyler Wilson's impressive spot start, and Baltimore beat Oakland.

Caleb Joseph added a two-run homer in the fourth off Jesse Chavez (5-11) as Baltimore won for the eighth time in 10 games.

Wilson (2-1) pitched 7 2-3 innings in place of Chris Tillman, who has an injured left ankle. Wilson allowed two runs and six hits, struck out three and walked two in his second major league start and sixth appearance after being recalled from Triple-A Norfolk.

Angels 5, Indians 4

In Anaheim, Calif., Conor Gillaspie hit a go-ahead home run off Corey Kluber and the Los Angeles Angels snapped a six-game losing streak, beating Cleveland.

Garrett Richards (11-8) tied a career high with 11 strikeouts in 7 2-3 innings. Huston Street got the last three outs for his 26th save in 29 attempts, and his first since becoming the 27th member of the 300-save club on July 22.

Gillaspie connected for a two-run drive in the sixth. The Angels added another run later in the inning for a 5-3 lead.

Kluber (6-12) gave up five runs and 10 hits in 5 2-3 innings, and left with a 3.60 ERA this season.

Use of batboys and girls suspended after 9-year-old's death

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—The National Baseball Congress suspended using batboys and girls during its World Series games in Kansas following the death of a 9-year-old boy who was accidentally hit in the head with a bat during a game.

Kaiser Carlile died Sunday, a day after he was hit by a follow-through swing near the on-deck circle during the Liberal Bee Jays' game in Wichita. The boy was wearing a helmet.

During an emotional news conference Monday, Kaiser was remembered as an energetic, happy boy who loved being part of the Bee Jays. Manager Adam Anderson and several players said he inspired them to always work hard, have fun and win.

"I can't get over how hard he worked, and he was having fun doing it," said outfielder Gavin Wehby, who plays for Nicholls State. "I was blessed to have called him a friend, a teammate and most of all a brother."

The NBC's general manager, Kevin Jenks, said Kaiser would be honored throughout the tournament until the championship game Saturday. The honors will include having the boy's initials on the scoreboard marquee and fundraisers for his family during the games. The team also is wearing wristbands and T-shirts with Kaiser's initials.

Kaiser's father, Chad Carlile, said his son was competitive but also just loved the game of baseball. He said Kaiser cherished a pair of shoes and a white bracelet the team had given him. He said his son's organs will be donated.

"There is no anger towards what happened," he said. "This is something that was obviously a tragedy. I want no bad comments ... He was happy. He loved it and the team we are obviously for loved him as well."

The tournament has been in Wichita since 1931 and this is the first time such a situation has occurred, Jenks said.

"We have over 900 participants coming into the World Series every year," Jenks said. "You never expect anything like this to happen."

The Bee Jays played and won after Kaiser was hurt Saturday night and won again on Sunday, making it to the semi-finals. His parents attended Sunday's game and supported the team's decision to continue playing "because they know that's what Kaiser would want us to do," Anderson said.

Anderson said the death has hit his teammates hard. He said the team has been comforted by support from across the country and the world and its staying together to cope with the loss.

"My biggest message to them is nobody is going through this alone," Anderson said. "We're here to support each other and support Kaiser's family. This is not one person's burden to bear. We'll have to bear it together."

The city of Wichita owns Lawrence-Dumont Stadium, where the accident took place, and is deciding whether to investigate the accident, Ken Evans, the city's strategic communications director.

Third baseman Brady Cox, who plays for Texas-Arlington, said he will always remember Kaiser encouraging him even when Cox was having a bad day on the field. He recalled one game when the boy was in the dugout even though he didn't feel well and encouraged Cox not to feel bad after he had gone 0-for-2. In his next bat, Cox hit a homerun.

"He changed my attitude on the game," Cox said. "I'll never pick up a baseball and not think of that ... I'll always remember him saying `It's all right, you've got more bats left. I'll never step on the field without thinking of him."

NBA's current, former stars put on show in Africa exhibition

AP
Team Africa's Festus Ezeli, center, attempts a hook shot as Team World's Paul Gasol, right, defends during the NBA Africa Game at Ellis Park Arena in Johannesburg, South Africa, Saturday, Aug. 1, 2015.

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—The NBA put on a show in its first exhibition game in Africa on Saturday—starting with a dunk straight from the tip-off by Luc Mbah a Moute.

That had the crowd roaring early at Ellis Park Arena in downtown Johannesburg. It got even louder when African NBA legends Hakeem Olajuwon and Dikembe Mutombo stripped off their business suits to don their old team uniforms again and play for a little while in the second quarter.

The 52-year-old Olajuwon, in a Houston No. 34 jersey, pulled off a turn-around jumper— the "Dream Shake"—that had the current NBA stars leaping off the benches with their arms in the air.

"That's one of the most memorable experiences ever," said Chris Paul, one of the team captains. "I told Dream, if he's still moving like that at his age now, I couldn't imagine him in his day."

After a relaxed first half, the game got serious in the second: Paul's Team World rallied with a 14-0 run in the fourth quarter to beat Luol Deng's "home" Team Africa 101-97.

"In the second half we decided enough was enough and we needed to do a lot better if we didn't want to lose by 40," Team World's Pau Gasol said.

Washington's Bradley Beal led Team World with 18 points while Paul had 12. Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo had 22 points for Team Africa, with Deng adding 20.

But this game was largely about the entertainment factor, with cheerleaders and several NBA team mascots mixing it up with the South African crowd.

Even the timeouts were used for stunts: Team Africa coach Gregg Popovich took one in the second quarter that wasn't used for a team talk, but to give everyone a chance to watch fans breakdance alongside San Antonio mascot Coyote, Philadelphia's Franklin, and Atlanta's Harry the Hawk. Even Popovich, the five-time NBA winning coach, had a big grin.

At the start of the third quarter, Paul decided that was enough fooling around, hitting three straight 3-pointers to bring the "visiting" team back. Team Africa, made up of players born in Africa or with African heritage, couldn't hold off the late surge.

"We didn't finish the game. But there's still room for improvement," Team Africa's Boris Diaw of the San Antonio Spurs said, hoping for another chance to play for an African lineup. "It was an amazing experience. So proud to be able to represent the continent."

After Jeff Green's dunk and a layup by Evan Turner, Team World was suddenly leading 85-78 in the fourth and the South African crowd had a proper game. Team World led 99-97 with a couple of seconds to go when Green was fouled and made both free throws to seal the game.

The South African exhibition was the NBA's biggest step into Africa so far, and could be the pre-cursor to a preseason and maybe even a regular season game on the continent, according to Commissioner Adam Silver.

"For me, as a kid, (I wanted) to play basketball and never had the access to meet NBA players, or watch NBA," said Deng, who was born in South Sudan. "Now to be part of a team coming back to play for Africa. I can't describe it."

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	59	45	.567	—
Baltimore	54	51	.514	5½
Toronto	55	52	.514	5½
Tampa Bay	53	54	.495	7½
Boston	47	59	.443	13

Central Division

Kansas City	62	42	.596	—
Minnesota	54	51	.514	8½
Detroit	51	54	.486	11½
Chicago	50	54	.481	12
Cleveland	48	57	.457	14½

West Division

Houston	60	47	.561	—
Los Angeles	56	49	.533	3
Texas	52	53	.495	7
Seattle	49	58	.458	11
Oakland	47	60	.439	13

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	56	50	.528	—
Washington	54	50	.519	1
Atlanta	48	58	.453	8
Miami	43	63	.406	13
Philadelphia	41	65	.387	15

Central Division

St. Louis	67	38	.638	—
Pittsburgh	61	43	.587	5½
Chicago	57	47	.548	9½
Cincinnati	47	56	.456	19
Milwaukee	44	63	.411	24

West Division

Los Angeles	60	45	.571	—
San Francisco	57	48	.543	3
San Diego	52	54	.491	8½
Arizona	51	53	.490	8½
Colorado	44	60	.423	15½

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CNMI, which exemplified the team's versatility at the plate.

The CNMI struck for three runs in first inning and then put five runs on the board in the fifth inning off hits from Joaquin Chong, Franklin Lizama, and Roke Tenorio. This made the game 8-3 after four innings.

The World Series' official website reported that many of the runs allowed by Italy were unearned, as they finished the game with five errors.

"Throughout all of the tournaments before this we never had that many errors. I don't know if it was jet lag or nerves, but we need to improve," Italy manager Fabrizio Piraino was quoted by worldseries.bangorinfo.com.

CNMI assistant coach Juan Manibusan, meanwhile, told the World Series' official website how proud he was on how his boys performed on and off the field.

"We are visitors, and we like to give respect to the players, coaches volunteers, and everyone here," Manibusan said. "We just want our guys to focus, give 110 percent and have fun. We come here for the fun of the game."

On Tuesday, Monday on Saipan or a day after Typhoon Soudelor battered the CNMI, a heartbroken CNMI team succumbed to host team Old Town, 2-6.

According to a report from *Bangor Daily News*, Old Town were quite impressed with how friendly the CNMI team was especially when the Asia-Pacific qualifiers gave the host team native necklaces before the game.

Later in the game when Old Town's Cole Daniel was hit by a pitch from the CNMI's Virgil Secharmidal, the latter immediately walked over to first base to shake Daniel's hand.

"That's a great group of kids to be around," Old Town manager Troy Sheehan was quoted by *Bangor Daily News* after the game. "I don't know if you saw me during the game but I was talking to them more than I did to my own kids."

Their sportsmanship on the field, however, couldn't hide the fact that the CNMI players had their hearts and minds drifting to events back home where Soudelor's 105mph winds badly hammered Saipan.

"This typhoon really hit us hard," said CNMI manager Greg Camacho during an emotional news conference after his team's game. "A lot of our kids' homes were destroyed, their houses got flattened and they're without power and water.

"From the information we got as well as the clips that we saw, it's really bad."

Members of the CNMI traveling party at the Senior League World Series became aware of the typhoon late Sunday (Monday on Saipan).

"We got wind of it last night before midnight," Camacho was again quoted by *Bangor Daily News* as saying. "We kept trying to make contact back home and we couldn't get through until after midnight.

"When we heard of it we all gathered up and said a little prayer, and so far none of the kids families' are injured so we're thankful for that."

According to *Bangor Daily News* the CNMI Senior All-Stars did consider leaving the World Series to return home but decided against it in part because of feedback they received from the island.

"Our families back home advised us, 'No, no, no, we'll take care of things, we'll deal with it, just go ahead and finish what you guys started over there and don't worry about it,'" he said. "They were the ones that advised us to go ahead and finish up and then come home.

"We told the kids last night that we're here for a purpose, let's just try to concentrate on that and play. A couple of them did break down because of what they had heard, but I told them that as much as possible try not to think about it. I'm sure their families are safe, so just hang in there."

"This one is worse," *Bangor Daily News* quoted Camacho. "[With] the one we went through that cut our regional tournament short, the eye of the storm didn't hit us directly, it went south of us. This one, the eye did pass straight above Saipan."

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Arciaga—this time was joined in the scoring parade by Anthonio Santos, who fired 8 of his 10 total points in the final 20 minutes of the contest.

Espinosa added another 6 markers, while Arciaga cooled off but still managed 6 markers in the second period.

Darion Jones tried to hold up Ol'Aces' fleeting hopes, scrambling for 6 of his 8 total points in the second half.

But Rollers 1 was just too much for Ol'Aces as the team went on to outscore the latter by a whopping 21 points in the final stanza to finish the game with the 33-point win.

Arciaga paced the victorious Rollers team with 15 points, while Espinosa and Santos contributed 12 and 10 markers, respectively. Honorable mention also goes out to point guard Jethro Cruz, who quarterbacked the team nicely and still finished with 9 markers.

L.J. Borja and Jones topscored for Ol'Aces in the loss with 8 points apiece, while Ngirorois and Edmund Borja fired 6 points each.

The finals of the U19 division of the 2015 NMI Rollers Basketball Tournament was also held last Saturday and its results will be published in the Thursday edition of the *Saipan Tribune*. The result of U15 division finals, which saw the Dolphins triumph against Ol'Aces, 75-48, is posted on the *Tribune*'s website.

Rollers 1 72 – Arciaga 15, Espinosa 12, Santos 10, Cruz 9, Deocares 8, Abobo 5, Rios 5, Subang 3, Feria 3, Elama 2.

Ol'Aces 39 – L. Borja 8, Jones 8, E. Borja 6, Ngirarois 6, Magofna 5, Castillo 4.

Scoring by quarters: 35-23, 72-39.

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scores of 85 on the weekend, while Kwon's 172 (91-81) edged out Vincent Mesa (90-82) for fifth place on a scorecard tiebreak.

Over in C Flight, Kaipat had a wire-to-wire win after shooting an 84 in the first day and an 89 in the second day. His prize for shooting a 173 is an automatic promotion to B Flight when the 2016 TOC rolls along next year.

Kaipat's 84 was good enough for first on Saturday and his 89 matched the second day score of eventual runner-up Joseph T. Torres, who finished four strokes back at 177 (88 on Day 1).

A stroke back of Torres is John Antenorcruz of Guam who came in with a 95 on Saturday before adjusting his swing Sunday and improving with an 83.

Fourth and fifth place in the C Flight went to Hiroyuki Murata and James Diego Benavente with their 180 (87-93) and 181 (94-87), respectively.

Results of the Ladies Flight, Ladies Low Net, Seniors Flight, and Super Seniors Flight will be reported in the next issues of the *Saipan Tribune*.

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CNMI beats Italy as World Series starts

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The CNMI Senior All-Stars, representing the Asia-Pacific region in the 2015 World Series for 13-16-year-olds Little Leaguers, won its debut last Sunday (Monday on Saipan) with a 10-5 victory over Europe-Africa champions Lazio, Italy.

According to the 2015 Senior World Series official website (www.worldseries.bangorinfo.com), bats were out in full force at the Shawn T. Mansfield Stadium in Bangor, Maine when the CNMI faced Italy in the opening day's second game.

» Loses to host team Old Town in Day 2

The CNMI, which swept all its games in Asia-Pacific Regional Tournament held on Saipan, and Italy combined for 18 hits.

The Commonwealth, which is making its second straight appearance in the Senior World Series, used small ball as an advantage to get runs early and throughout the game.

The team coached by manager Greg Camacho and head coach Lawrence Camacho had a couple of hits to start the game. A sacrifice bunt by Henry Lizama scored the first run for the

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The CNMI Senior All-Stars currently have a 1-1 win-loss record in the 2015 Senior World Series in Bangor, Maine. It defeated Italy, 10-6, in its first game but succumbed to host team Old Town, 6-2, in its second.

Rollers 1 are No. 1 in U17 division

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Rollers 1 took the championship plum in the U17 division of the 2015 NMI Rollers Basketball Tournament after wiping the floor clean of Ol'Aces, 72-39, last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The host team had a ho-hum first half that saw them only lead the Oleai-based quintet by a dozen markers, 35-23.

Rollers 1 got the 12-point lead thanks to the combined 21 points of Mike Arciaga, Mike Espinosa, and Kenji Abobo.

Arciaga heated up with 10 first half points, while Espinosa slashed his way for another 6 with Abobo chipping in his own 5 markers.

Ol'Aces, meanwhile, was led in first half scoring by the 6 markers each of L.J. Borja and Troy Ngirarois.

Rollers 1 went full beast mode in the second half, as the dynamic duo of the two Mikes—Espinosa and

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MARK RABAGO
Rollers 1 forward Mike Espinosa tries to throw down the ball for a dunk in the second half of their U17 championship game against Ol'Aces in the 2015 NMI Rollers Basketball Tournament last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Lee, Kaipat promoted to A and B flights

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By virtue of winning their respective flights last Sunday in the conclusion of the two-day 2015 Tournament of Champions, Dong Kyu Lee and Paul Kaipat will have to duke it out against tougher competition in the next edition of the TOC.

Lee won the B Flight after shooting a 15-over 159 during a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde weekend at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

He started off with a horrendous 87 in the sunny first day of the region's biggest golf event before reversing his fortunes in Day 2 with a stupendous low score of 72. The latter score he shot even as Typhoon Soudelor was bearing on Saipan.

Lee's even-par score also matched Senior Flight winner Mark Rush's 72 for the lowest score of the 20th TOC.

The next time you'll see B Flight champion Lee teeing and putting in the TOC he will be strutting his stuff in the A Flight.

Three strokes behind Lee is Guamanian golfer Jeremy Looby who also shot well in the second day of the tournament even in the face of Category 1 typhoon conditions.

After firing a second-best 83 last Saturday, Looby attacked the ferocious winds of Soudelor with aplomb and improved his Day 1 score by four strokes to finish with a 79 last Sunday for a two-day total of 162.

Day 1 leader Preseil Azarcon's game appeared not suited for extreme golf as his performance dipped like the island's barometric pressure Sunday. After shooting an 81 last Saturday, Azarcon added two strokes Sunday to finish with a 165 two-day total, which relegated him to third place.

The fourth and fifth places in B Flight were occupied by Freddy L. Salavaria and Soon Hyung Kwon with their 170 and 172 two-day totals, respectively.

Salavaria submitted identical

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MARK RABAGO
B Flight winner Dong Kyu Lee, left photo, and C Flight Paul Kaipat, right photo, receive their respective carved latte stone trophies and bottles of Chivas Regal from 2015 Tournament of Champion organizers during the awards banquet at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.